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OHIO MINING WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a mining educational workshop will be conducted by the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch (Huntington & Pittsburgh). The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Mineral Resources Management (DMRM) will also participate in the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide applicants and their agents an overview of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting requirements. Section 404 of the CWA requires authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. This educational workshop will focus on preparing a preliminary investigation of waters of the United States, performing an alternatives analysis for avoidance and minimization of waters of the United States, and preparing a compensatory mitigation plan to offset the loss of waters of the United States.

The Integrated Application Process for Coal Mining Activities in the State of Ohio will also be presented. Representatives from the USACE, DMRM, and OEPA developed the Integrated Application Process for Coal Mining in the State of Ohio with the intent of integrating the permitting processes of each agency into a unified process.

Attendance is open to the public.

DATE:

26 October 2004

TIME:

The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. There will be a lunch break between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

The workshop will be held at Salt Fork State Park and Conference Center, east of Cambridge in Guernsey County, Ohio.

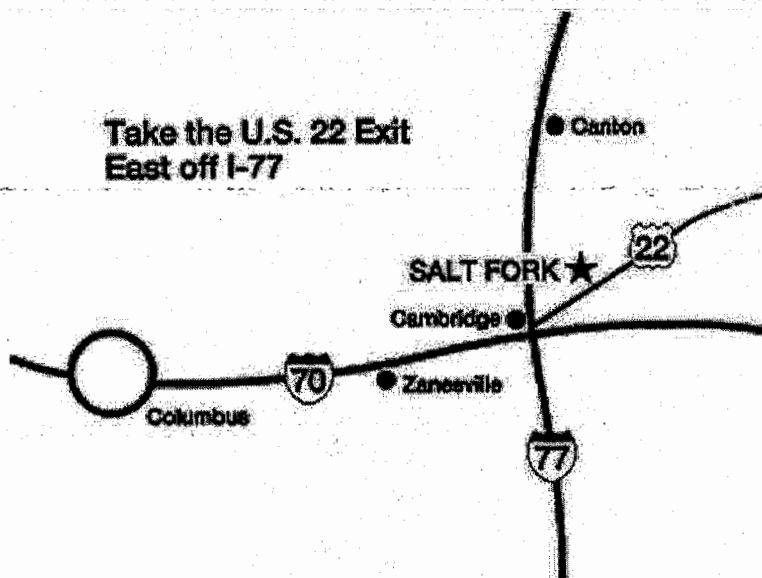
Directions from I-77:

Traveling North

1. From I-77 north, follow Salt Fork signs to U.S. Route 22 east (Cambridge Exit 47).
2. Turn right onto U.S. Route 22 east and follow approximately 6 miles to the Park entrance.
3. Turn left at the stoplight and follow the signs to the Lodge. The Lodge is approximately 15 minutes/ 7 miles from the park entrance.

Traveling South:

1. From I-77 south, take the Cambridge Exit 47 to U.S. Route 22 east.
2. Turn left onto U.S. Route 22 east and follow approximately 6 miles to the park entrance.
3. Turn left at the stoplight and follow the signs to the Lodge. The Lodge is approximately 15 minutes/ 7 miles from the park entrance.



If you have any questions concerning the workshop, please contact Allen Edris at (412) 395-7158 or Christina Schroeder at (412) 395-7375.

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